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SUBJECT: SOAMES ON DC/LDC RELATIONS: "TOWARDS A NEW CONSENSUS"

REF A. LONDON 10267

B. EC BRUSSELS 4875

1. ON JULY 1 IN LONDON EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES, DELIVERED A MAJOR STATEMENT SUMMING UP THE COMMISSION'S VIEWS ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES AND THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEW CONSENSUS BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES IN AREAS SUCH AS OIL, RAW MATERIALS, INDUSTRIALIZATION, TRADE AND AID. (REF A)

2. HANNAY, SOAMES' CHEF DE CABINET, CALLED THE MISSION JULY 2 TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE SOAMES ATTACHES TO THIS STATEMENT. HANNAY SAID SOAMES HOPES THE US GOVERNMENT WILL REVIEW IT CAREFULLY. WHILE IT CONTAINS NOTHING VERY NEW ON SPECIFIC ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE, IT REPRESENTS THE COMMISSION'S ATTEMPT TO PRESENT COMPREHENSIVE VIEWS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECHES AT KANSAS CITY, AND THE OECD AND IEA MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

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3. IN PARTICULAR, ACCORDING TO HANNAY, SOAMES' SPEECH REPRESENTS AN ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT THE "HARMONIZED" APPROACH DISCUSSED WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON DURING THE MAY 29-30 US/EC CONSULTATIONS (REF B), I.E., THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SHOULD UNDERTAKE GENERALLY SIMILAR AND CONSISTENT -- BUT NOT IDENTICAL -- APPROACHES TO THIS COMPLEX OF ISSUES WHILE AVOIDING THE APPEARANCE OF A "COMMON FRONT" OR FAITS ACCOMPLIES TOWARD THE LDCS.

4. HANNAY FURTHER CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION THOSE PORTIONS OF SOAMES' SPEECH IN WHICH HE WARNS THE LDCS AGAINST (A) SUCH TACTICS AS USE OF THE STEAM ROLLER IN THE UN OR (B) THE TENDENCY TO PUT EXCESSIVE EMPHASIS ON REDISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH AS OPPOSED TO CREATION OF NEW RESOURCES. LASTLY, HE NOTED THAT SOAMES CRITICIZED DEMANDS FOR A "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" AND CALLED FOR A NEW "CONSENSUS FOR MANAGEMENT OF INTERDEPENDENCE".GREENWALD

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